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HOSTAGE-HOLDERS MAKE NEW THREAT

Group in Beirut Pledges More Actions Against American and Israeli Interests

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BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 31 — An underground Moslem fundamentalist group claiming to hold four Americans hostage threatened today to take further action against Americans and Israelis.

An anonymous caller purporting to speak for the group, the Islamic Holy War organization, told a Western news agency here that acts of sabotage and kidnapping and attacks against American interests would continue "until the United States stops meddling in internal Arab affairs and supporting the Israeli aggressors."

The caller appeared to be alluding to Israeli threats to retaliate for the terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports, and to remarks by United States officials that military action remained an option in dealing with terrorists.

Last October, the Holy War group said it had killed one of the Americans it was holding, William Buckley, a political officer at the United States Embassy. In a written statement, the organization said Mr. Buckley had been killed in retaliation against an Israeli air strike against the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Tunis. The Israelis said they had acted after three Israeli yachtsmen in Cyprus had been killed by Palestinians.

The Holy War group says it is still holding Terry Anderson, a correspondent of The Associated Press; the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest; David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital here, and Thomas Sutherland, the university's Dean of Agriculture. The group also took responsibility for kidnapping four Frenchmen.

Recent efforts by Terry Waite, the Anglican envoy, to obtain the release of the captives came to naught. The captors made release conditional on Kuwait's freeing 17 of their colleagues convicted for bomb attacks against the United States and French embassies in Kuwait two years ago.

The Holy War organization has also taken responsibility for bomb attacks that blew up the United States Embassy in Beirut in April 1983, and the headquarters of the United States Marines and of a French military contingent here six months later. A similar attempt to blow up the United States Embassy's annex in Auker, north of here, was also claimed by the group.

The anonymous caller today said: "Let President Reagan be warned that American embassies and warships will be blown up in the same way we have demolished the American Embassy and the headquarters of the Marines in Beirut."